

AND THE WINNER IS, ANGELIN BASKARIN

HON. NICK LAMPSON
OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 22, 1999

Mr. LAMPSON. Mr. Speaker, while our nation continues to grieve over the school tragedy in Littleton, Colo., I'd like to turn our attention for a moment to a middle school student from Galveston, Texas, who is already making contributions toward advancing our understanding of the aging process at age 13.

All too often we only hear about the problem children in our society. As a former high school teacher, I know that there are hundreds of kind, intelligent, and productive students, like Angelin Baskarin, who are working hard to become the next generation of scientists, professors, and even Members of Congress.

I'd like to congratulate Angelin, who has won awards at the Galveston County Science and Engineering Fair, the Houston Science and Engineering Fair, the state of Texas Science and Engineering Fair, for her research project, entitled "Math Semantics." She has been selected to present her research findings, which looked at how age, gender, and profession affect math proficiency, at a national science fair here in Washington, D.C., in June.

It is the bright future and promise of students like Angelin, who make teaching worthwhile and rewarding experience. Good luck at the national competition, Angelin!

84TH COMMEMORATION OF
ARMENIAN GENOCIDE

SPEECH OF

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 21, 1999

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, April 24 marks the commemoration of the massacre of the Armenian people in Turkey during and after the First World War. More than 1.5 million people were expelled from their homes and marched to their deaths in what is recorded as the first of this century's state-ordered genocides against a minority group. Tragically, at the close of the century we again bear witness to the universality of human cruelty and fanaticism as the Kosovar Albanians are ethnically cleansed from their homeland.

We must remember, we must reflect and we must learn. One of the great thinkers and advocates of our time—indeed, the conscience of this century—Elie Wiesel, has said that "indifference makes humans inhuman; indifference is always the friend of the enemy; indifference is not only a sin, it is a punishment." We must not be indifferent, Mr. Speaker, we must also act.

We remember the Armenians and their suffering, the incomprehensible magnitude of their loss. We honor those who perished. Yet, Mr. Speaker, we also remember the survivors and are inspired by their sacrifice, their strength and their creativity in building a future for the

Armenian people. Today, independent Armenia guarantees the security and future of the nation and is a beacon of hope to Armenian people everywhere. Its people work tirelessly to strengthen democratic institutions and build a flourishing market economy to ensure peace and prosperity for generations to come. It is my hope, Mr. Speaker, that those to come will not have to sacrifice as their ancestors have. It is also my hope that the parties to the conflict in Nagorno-Karabakh will renew and redouble their efforts to reach a negotiated settlement and to help bring peace and prosperity to the entire region.

Mr. Speaker, the Armenian people did not "disappear," as their persecutors intended. They survived and they flourished. Their strength of spirit, endurance and prosperity of the Armenian people give hope for the future to all of us—especially those who suffer now.

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

HON. STEVEN T. KUYKENDALL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 22, 1999

Mr. KUYKENDALL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak in support of Child Abuse Prevention Month. There is nothing more important than the safety and protection of our children. To highlight the seriousness of this issue, the month of April was declared Child Abuse Prevention Month by President Reagan in 1982.

In 1997, nearly one million children were victims of either neglect, physical, emotional or sexual abuse. In many cases, the children experienced all of these abuses. What is even more shocking is that in 1996, a little more than three children died each day as a result of child abuse or neglect. These numbers are startling and in my opinion are unacceptable. Our children deserve to grow up in an atmosphere that is not filled with fear and violence.

The good news is that child abuse is preventable. Through the proper assistance we can put an end to this monstrous action. Children represent the most vulnerable and precious part of our society and we must do what we can to protect them.

I urge all of my colleagues to join me in acknowledging the seriousness of this issue and supporting actions to prevent this problem from getting bigger.

IN HONOR OF THE SHERWIN-
WILLIAMS CO.

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

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Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Sherwin-Williams Co., and its charitable arm, the Sherwin-Williams foundation, as one of Cleveland's most charitable corporate partners.

The company not only employs thousands of people in the greater Cleveland area, but also contributes significant funds and strong

support for some of the region's most deserving organizations. The CEO of Sherwin-Williams, Jack Breen, has just completed his twentieth year with the company. Mr. Breen has been the recipient of a number of awards, including top honors from the Wall Street Transcript in the Building Materials Industry. In 1996, he was inducted into the Business Hall of Fame sponsored by Cleveland Magazine's Inside Business. This award is presented to individuals who not only have achieved business success, but who generously shared that success with the community. Mr. Breen is a native Cleveland, and during his time with the Sherwin-Williams Co., the stock price has increased about 50 times and earnings per share have increased dramatically.

Beginning on April 26, 1999, Sherwin-Williams will again demonstrate its commitment to the Northeast Ohio community through a week-long "Spruce Up Our Parks" program which will benefit Cleveland's Lakeshore State Park. Working in conjunction with Keep America Beautiful, Inc., Sherwin-Williams will underwrite the cost of paints and supplies that will be used to beautify various structures throughout Edgewater, Gordon, Euclid Beach, Villa Angela, Wildwood, and Mentor Headlands parks.

Sherwin-Williams will also coordinate with Keep America Beautiful to oversee the work of more than 500 students from area high schools who are serving as volunteer painters for the event. The participating high schools include: Lakewood, St. Edward, St. Ignatius, Glenville, John Hay, Collinwood, Benedictine, Villa Angela-St. Joseph, Harvey, Riverside, Kirkland, and Mentor High Schools.

My fellow colleagues, please join me in honoring the good work the Sherwin-Williams Company is doing to help beautify the Cleveland area and parks across the country.

ROUND TOP, TX, DEDICATES A
NEW POST OFFICE

HON. RON PAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 22, 1999

Mr. PAUL. Mr. Speaker, dedication ceremonies will soon be held in Texas to mark the completion of a new postal facility in Round Top, TX. This is the first new post office in this city since the 1968 dedication of the old one.

The route this new post office took from blue print to completion expresses the basis of being a Texan and an American. The U.S. Postal Service approached Round Top with a pre-designed post office building that had apparently been designed in Washington without the input of the people of Round Top. In true Texas fashion the people of this city stood up to say this new building would be in their town for their use and therefore insisted that it reflect the city in which it would be built. As a result, they now have a beautiful new building that reflects their history as a community and as Texans. Since Round Top has had a post office since the days of the Republic of Texas, it is only fitting that this new building points to the proud heritage of our great state.

Our Founding Fathers intended for decisions to be made as close to the people as